

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE:

JULIE J. COOPER, R.N.

CONSENT ORDER

The Virginia Board of Nursing ("Board") and Julie J. Cooper, R.N., as evidenced by her signature hereto, enter into the following Consent Order affecting Ms. Cooper's license to practice professional nursing in Virginia.

The Board adopts the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Julie J. Cooper, R.N., was issued License No. 0001-202144 to practice professional nursing by the Virginia Board of Nursing on July 11, 2006. Said license is set to expire on June 30, 2011. Ms. Cooper was issued License No. 0002-064302 to practice practical nursing by the Virginia Board of Nursing on July 30, 2002. Said license expired on June 30, 2007.
2. Ms. Cooper is unable to safely practice nursing due to alcohol abuse and mental illness, as she acknowledged in signing a Participation Contract with the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program ("HPMP") on April 17, 2009. On June 16, 2009, Ms. Cooper entered Recovery Monitoring Contract No. 2.
3. Ms. Cooper continued to consume alcohol while attending recovery meetings and while enrolled in an intensive outpatient program. On May 17, 2009, she completed a 30-day intensive inpatient treatment program at Harrison House. Subsequent to her return home, she relapsed on alcohol. On June 1, 2009, she was admitted to Bon Secour's St. Mary's Hospital for substance abuse and psychiatric treatment. Ms. Cooper relapsed again on July 7, 2009. On July 27, 2009, Ms. Cooper entered residential treatment in Utah. On September 2, 2009, she transferred to another facility in Mississippi, to continue treatment for approximately 60 days.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Findings of Fact No. 2 and 3 constitute a violation of § 54.1-3007(6) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended (“Code”).

CONSENT

Julie J. Cooper, R.N., by affixing her signature hereon, agrees to the following:

1. She has been advised to seek advice of counsel prior to signing this document;
2. She acknowledges that without her consent, no legal action can be taken against her except pursuant to the Virginia Administrative Process Act, § 2.2-4000(A) *et seq.* of the Code;
3. She acknowledges that she has the following rights, among others: the right to an informal fact finding conference before the Board, the right to reasonable notice of said hearing, the right to representation by counsel, and the right to cross-examine witnesses against her;
4. She waives all such right to an informal conference;
5. She admits to the Findings of Fact contained herein and waives her right to contest such Findings of Fact in any subsequent proceeding before the Board;
6. She consents to the entry of the following Order affecting her right to practice professional nursing in Virginia.

ORDER

WHEREFORE, on the basis of the foregoing, the Virginia Board of Nursing, effective upon entry of this Consent Order, and in lieu of further proceedings, hereby ORDERS as follows:

1. The Board shall TAKE NO ACTION at this time contingent upon Ms. Cooper’s continued compliance with all terms and conditions of the HPMP.
2. Any violation of the terms and conditions stated in this Consent Order shall be reason for revoking the license of Julie J. Cooper, R.N., and an administrative proceeding shall be held to decide

whether her license should be revoked. Ms. Cooper shall be noticed to appear before the Board at such time as the Board is notified that:

a. Ms. Cooper is not in compliance with the terms and conditions of the HPMP, or has been terminated from participation in the HPMP;

b. There is a pending investigation or unresolved allegation against Ms. Cooper involving a violation of law or regulation or any term or condition of this Consent Order; or

c. Ms. Cooper has successfully completed the above-referenced period of participation in the HPMP. However, upon receipt of Ms. Cooper's participation in and compliance with the HPMP, the Board, at its discretion, may waive Ms. Cooper's appearance before the Board and conduct an administrative review of this matter.

3. This Consent Order is applicable to Ms. Cooper's multistate licensure privileges, if any, to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia. For the duration of this Consent Order, Ms. Cooper shall not work outside of the Commonwealth of Virginia pursuant to a multistate licensure privilege without the written permission of the Virginia Board of Nursing and the Board of Nursing in the party state where she wishes to work. Any requests for out of state employment should be directed, in writing, to the Executive Director of the Board.

4. Ms. Cooper shall maintain a course of conduct in her capacity as a professional nurse commensurate with the requirements of § 54.1-3000 *et seq.* of the Code and the Board of Nursing Regulations.

Pursuant to §§ 2.2-4023 and 54.1-2400.2 of the Code, the signed original of this Consent Order shall remain in the custody of the Department of Health Professions as public record and shall be made available for public inspection or copying upon request.

FOR THE BOARD

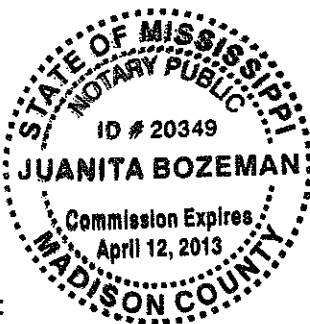
Jay Douglas

Jay R. Douglas, R.N., M.S.M., C.S.A.C.
Executive Director, Virginia Board of Nursing

ENTERED: November 23RD, 2009

SEEN AND AGREED TO:

Julie J. Cooper, R.N.
Julie J. Cooper, R.N.



STATE OF Miss,
COUNTY/CITY OF Rankin, TO WIT:

Subscribed and sworn to before me, Juanita Bozeman a Notary Public, this 6th day of Nov., 2009.

My commission expires _____.

Registration Number _____.

Juanita Bozeman
NOTARY PUBLIC